Abstract of the Disclosure

One aspect is directed to a method and apparatus for transferring information, through a shared storage system, between first and second processes running on first and second

5   computers, respectively. Both computers are coupled to a data storage system, with the first computer being coupled through multiple paths. In accordance with one aspect of the invention, at least one of the multiple paths is selected through which to transfer the information between the first process and the data storage system, so that communication between the first process and the shared storage system is not constrained to any particular path. Another aspect is directed to

10   a method and apparatus for processing an out of band control command executed by a host computer in a multi-path system and targeting a device. A path is selected for transmitting the out of band control command to the device based upon a selection criteria that enables the selected path to be other than a specific target path identified by the out of band control command.

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